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## War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve all war memorials within the UK

### Objectives of War Memorials Trust

1. To monitor the condition of war memorials and to encourage protection and conservation when appropriate.
2. To provide expert advice to those involved in war memorial projects, to act as the specialist organisation for war memorial conservation issues and to facilitate repair and conservation through grant schemes.
3. To work with relevant organisations to encourage them to accept responsibility for war memorials and recognise the need to undertake repair and conservation work.
4. To build a greater understanding of war memorial heritage and raise awareness of the issues surrounding war memorial conservation.

### Membership rates

War Memorials Trust membership rates (membership rates valid until end of December 2016):

Annual membership: £20 individual or £30 joint  
Life membership: £150 individual or £200 joint

### Grant schemes

War Memorials Trust administers a number of grant schemes for the conservation and repair of war memorials in the UK.



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Between them, these schemes cover the whole of the UK and all types of war memorials. For further details visit [www.warmemorials.org/grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants) or contact the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356, 0300 123 0764 or [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org).

For enquiries about funding the first step is for you to complete a Grants Pre-application form. This form allows the Conservation Team to identify the type of memorial and the works needed to determine if your project is eligible. Application documents and guidance on how to manage a project can then be sent. The Grants Pre-application Form can be downloaded at [www.warmemorials.org/grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants) or obtained from the Conservation Team using the contact details left.

**Please note that projects cannot be funded if they have already started or have finished.**

## Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

A belated Happy New Year to all. We hope you have had a good start to 2016. Here at War Memorials Trust January has seen record Grant Offers following our December Grant Panel meeting. As a result of that day over £350,000 will be offered to projects through the various grant schemes across the UK indicating a significant increase in spend. With World War I commemorations continuing this year including the Battles of Jutland and the Somme, and anniversaries such as the Easter Rising and Suez campaign being marked, we are working to ensure that level of spend is sustained.

We are delighted to have already offered over 25% of the additional £2million being made available by the government through the First World War Memorials Programme. This money is available to support World War I memorials across the country. War Memorials Trust also supports memorials from other conflicts so whatever type of memorial you have, and whichever conflict it commemorates, we can help. We are grateful to all those highlighting memorials in need of grant aid. I would like to thank our members for their contribution in this area and ask you to continue to keep an eye out for memorials in Poor or Very bad condition. You can let us know about concerns via War Memorials Online (see page 13 for more information) or contact us via the details on page 2. The centenary of World War I is a unique opportunity to use the interest in our war memorial heritage to improve the condition of these irreplaceable monuments, plaques etc. so please do spread the word about the availability of funding and support.

War memorials can need attention for many different reasons. The floods over Christmas and New Year saw the Mytholmroyd memorial in West Yorkshire stand almost alone above the flood waters which reached to the second floor of the buildings opposite. The maintenance undertaken by the custodians, Calderdale Council, appears to have ensured that limited damage has been sustained; the lime mortar pointing should have prevented too much water getting into the joints.

One of the projects which has recently benefitted from a grant is shown on the cover. In 2015 the Caledonian Station Hotel roll of honour received £890. The memorial was found in a store cupboard in a Poor and fragile condition. It had a number of tears, the paper was discoloured and there was some smudged and flaking paint. To address these issues the tears have been repaired and it has been remounted onto the supporting timber frame. The parchment has been cleaned and the paint conserved. The photograph was taken in 2015 and is courtesy of John Glynn. I was delighted to unveil the memorial on the 26<sup>th</sup> November at the Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh - The Caledonian.



Mytholmroyd under flood water © Nigel J Lloyd, 2015

Overleaf we have details of previous and upcoming events. I would draw your particular attention to the information on the London Marathon. Andrew McMaster who joined as a Conservation Officer in September 2015 is running on behalf of the charity. His sponsorship target of £1,916 has been chosen to pay tribute to this centenary year and any support you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Normally in this issue I provide some summary information on the previous years' activity. As mentioned in previous issues the charity is changing its year end from 31<sup>st</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> March. Therefore we will be preparing our year-end figures in the spring recognising that a 15-month year will make comparisons more difficult for a couple of years. However, we are doing this to help manage some of the sizeable contributions made to the charity by organisations operating standard financial years. A knock-on effect of this is that our AGM will move from July to November. We are currently planning for the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> November and hope you will note this in your diary. If you have any questions regarding this, or any aspect of our work please do not hesitate to contact us; it is always good to hear from our supporters.

With kind regards,  
Frances

## War Memorials Trust news

### War Memorials Trust Events

In autumn 2015 War Memorials Trust held three special events. On 3<sup>rd</sup> November English Heritage kindly donated the use of Wellington Arch for an evening reception which was attended by 50 guests including Office and Regional Volunteers, donors, members and representatives from peer organisations. Guests were able to view an exhibition commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo and meet War Memorials Trust's Chairman, Peter McCormick and Trustee, Lord Cope of Berkeley, as well as members of staff.



Wellington Arch reception © WMT, 2015

A week later, on 10<sup>th</sup> November, a special lunch was held in the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral to thank War Memorials Trust's donors for their support. It included a guided tour and a viewing of the St Paul's Choristers World War I and II memorial which remembers 33 former Choristers. In 2015 War Memorials Trust offered a grant of £8,950 to help repair and clean the timber as well as re-paint and improve the legibility of the names. This event provided an opportunity for donors to see the impact of our work at first hand.



St Paul's Choristers memorial © WMT, 2015

On 26<sup>th</sup> November the Rt. Hon. Alex Salmond MSP, MP, kindly hosted a reception at the Scottish Parliament to celebrate the achievements of the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund at its halfway point. Among the guests were Regional Volunteers, War Memorials Officers, donors, members, grant applicants, representatives from other heritage and military organisations and MSPs. Guests were able to view the Caledonian Station Hotel war memorial which had recently been and conserved by conservator Helen Creasey thanks to a grant from the Fund (see page 3).



L to R: Frances Moreton & John Peat, Director & Trustee WMT; the Rt. Hon. Alex Salmond MSP, MP; and Helen Creasey © Jon Savage, 2015

As mentioned in the Director's message in the last Bulletin we also attended some key events with partner organisations. From 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October Chris Reynolds represented us at the Society for Local Council Clerks National Conference. He spoke to a number of Parish and Town Clerks keen to see works carried out on their war memorials; promoting not only the grant schemes but also the valuable resources available through War Memorials Online and the Learning Programme. Chris will follow this up with a presentation at their Practitioners Conference in 2016.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October Suzannah Musson attended the Civic Voice Convention and AGM in Bristol. This was an opportunity to meet representatives from peer organisations and showcase the work we are doing with Civic Voice through the First World War Memorials Programme. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October there was a dinner at which the Civic Day Awards were presented. The AGM took place the following morning and among the activities offered in the afternoon was a War Memorial Condition Survey workshop delivered by Anna Wilson of Civic Voice which Suzannah attended.

War Memorials Trust would like to thank all those who attended the events and particularly those who helped facilitate them. We will be organising and participating in more during 2016 so we hope to see many of you through the year. In particular a note for your diary is our AGM scheduled for the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in London. This is moving from its traditional July date due to the change of financial year-end by the charity. We hope members and supporters can join us for the AGM at which we intend to have a speaker; further details will follow in the next issue.

## War Memorials Trust news

### London Marathon update

When Andrew McMaster joined War Memorials Trust as a Conservation Officer in September 2015 he did not expect the job to involve running the London Marathon on behalf of the charity! Andrew explains what motivated him to undertake this challenge:

"I enjoy running and have participated in several half marathons but Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 will see me running my first full marathon. I am looking forward to the challenge and feel privileged to be doing it for such a worthwhile cause, especially in 2016 which marks the half way point of World War I centenary commemorations. The World War I centenary presents War Memorials Trust with an opportunity to raise awareness of its work so that it can help more communities ensure the names of those commemorated on their local memorials are not forgotten.

As part of my training regime I have been running along the beach and through my home town of Broughty Ferry, near Dundee, passing my old school where the names of fallen former pupils are commemorated on a simple sandstone structure, and on through the streets in the shadow of the many spires of churches where others of the community are remembered. One of the less common of these is a beautifully carved altar which bears the names of the Broughty Ferry New Kirk World War I and II war dead. Inscribed there is my great-great uncle John L. Tait who died in World War I and my great-uncle David Reid Tait who served in 166 Squadron in Bomber Command in World War II and was shot down in 1944. He is buried in France. When I run on 24<sup>th</sup> April they will be foremost in my thoughts.

In London my training is rather more tarmac than sand! But I still pass a number of war memorials which continue to remind me why it is important I am running for the charity. It spurs me on to complete the race and reach my target of raising £1,916 in 2016!

I am so grateful to everyone who has sponsored me so far and for the kind wishes from many of you. I still have some way to go to reach my target so if you have not yet done so and would like to sponsor me you can do so via the Virgin Money Giving website at [www.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com) (search for 'Andrew McMaster' in the 'Sponsor your friend' field). Alternatively, you can send sponsorship donations directly to the Trust clearly indicating that it is for the London Marathon 2016. Any support is greatly appreciated including shouts of encouragement if you spot me on the day; whether you are watching at the roadside or on the television!"



Andrew next to the Rifle Brigade memorial (WM9396) © WMT, 2015

### Introducing Alan Merkel

I have been a member of WMT for the last few years, but not an active member until recently. I have always been interested in World War I, the causes of it, the terrible destruction that it caused and its consequences, including how it led to World War II. I became an Office Volunteer in October in order to use that interest in a practical way and to help WMT in a small way with its work. War memorials from the World Wars are important to remind us and future generations of the great sacrifices that were made for our country and our freedoms, which can be taken for granted. They also remind us of the lessons that are to be learned from those wars, which have echoes in current conflicts.

I have been impressed by the dedication of those who established and cared for the memorials and am surprised by the variety of memorials that there are. I have also been impressed by the dedication of WMT's staff. It is important to protect the memorials, as WMT is doing. The register of memorials on War Memorials Online, which I have been working on, helps with that endeavour.



Alan Merkel © WMT, 2016

## War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

### Stratton on the Fosse, Somerset (WM480/2)



After works © Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council, 2015

Stratton on the Fosse war memorial is located at the junction of Church Lane and Fosse Road (A367) in Stratton on the Fosse, Somerset. The 15<sup>th</sup> century style Douling stone memorial has a two-stepped octagonal base supporting a square plinth which carries the inscriptions. The plinth is surmounted by a tapered shaft with an elaborate calvary cross featuring the figures of Christ and St Vigor in the lantern. The inscription commemorates those who took part in both World War I and II. The lettering is inscribed into the four recessed stone panels in the square plinth. The war memorial is Grade II listed.

In 2001, War Memorials Trust contributed £100 towards gentle cleaning work as the inscriptions had become illegible.



Dedication photo from St Benedict's Parish History book © Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council, 1920

In 2015, a further grant of £2,760 was awarded through the War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme. This supported stone cleaning using steam to remove dirt and improve legibility of the inscriptions, re-pointing of joints in lime mortar where required and repairs to some stonework with matching stone. An important aspect of WMT's grant work is ensuring best conservation practice so the funded works are appropriate and do not cause damage. Minimum intervention is encouraged and the least aggressive method of cleaning should be selected appropriate for the levels of dirt and materials involved. In this case low pressure steam cleaning was considered suitable for the condition of the stone.

Memorials can receive multiple grants. This could be for phased works or, if for similar works then a reasonable period of time should have elapsed. Part of a grant recipient's Grant Contract is an expectation of regular maintenance to ensure that funded grant works are sustained.



Before works © Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council, 2014

The war memorial was erected in 1920 to a design by Dom Ephrem Seddon. Dom Ethelbert Horne (who was then the parish priest of Stratton on the Fosse) was a major driving force behind the project to erect the war memorial. This information was gathered from the nearby Downside Monastic Library.



After works © Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council, 2015

The inscription on the memorial reads:

"In thanksgiving to God  
For the safe return of those  
Who from this neighbourhood  
Went to the Great Wars  
1914 - 1918 and 1939 - 1945"



After works © Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council, 2015

## Grants for War Memorials scheme

### West Leake, Northamptonshire (WM8761)

West Leake war memorial is an oak lychgate, with a hipped slated roof which is surmounted by a carved timber cross. The memorial stands on the west end of the village green, at the entrance to the St Helena's Churchyard. The lychgate is Grade II listed.

In 2014, the Grants for War Memorials scheme offered £7,606 towards repair and conservation work. The lychgate was in poor condition, sections of the timber structure had rotted. In addition, in September 2013 a branch fell from a tree on the village green onto the memorial dislodging a number of the roof tiles. To address these issues localised timber repair and replacement were undertaken. The roof was stripped off and repaired before being re-slatted with the original tiles. The project was completed in 2015 and payment made in the autumn following confirmation that works were undertaken in line with best conservation practice.

The inscription on the beam under the eaves reads:  
"Their name liveth for evermore"

The posts are inscribed with the dates:  
"1914" and "1918"

Unfortunately, despite much research little is known about the history of the memorial. There do not seem to be any records about when the memorial was erected or how it was paid for. In certain cases this can happen. War Memorials Trust encourages communities to undertake as much research as possible and has helpsheets to assist with this including [Researching the history of a war memorial](#) and [Researching the names on a war memorial](#). The research aspect of a project can be a great way of engaging the wider community and working with local or family history groups, civic societies, local media and others. However, if efforts are made to research a memorial but nothing can be uncovered a project can still receive grant funding.



Before work © St Helena Parochial Church Council, 2014



After work © St Helena Parochial Church Council, 2015

### War memorial funding

As of 1<sup>st</sup> January War Memorials Trust continues to administer a number of grant schemes. Grant funding is available at up to 75% of eligible costs with a normal maximum grant of up to £30,000. With record amounts of money available for war memorial repair and conservation projects it is important that word is spread to encourage custodians to apply.

As members and supporters of War Memorials Trust we hope you will help raise awareness and make sure all those who might benefit from funding are aware that it is available. We are happy to send out additional copies of the Bulletin for you to distribute to let people know.

If you do speak to anyone interested in applying for a grant their first step is to complete a [Grants Pre-application form](#). This is a simple two-sided form outlining the repair and/or conservation project. War Memorials Trust will review and aims to provide a response within 4 weeks. If the project looks eligible for funding either advice on next steps will be given with an Application Form and Guidance Notes sent out or, if the project looks substantial or complex, a site visit will be arranged. Applicants then have to submit their Application Forms to one of the grant deadlines of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> December with a response given within 6 weeks of those dates.

## Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund

### Cupar, Fife (WM7452)

The Cupar war memorial is a notable Category B listed monument which is located at the junction of Station Road and St Catherine Street, Cupar. The memorial consists of a raised plateau accessed via a set of steps. It is flanked with granite piers with bronze plaques commemorating those who gave their lives in World War II. And surrounded with decorative ironwork railings to the back and sides. The memorial, erected after World War I, is a stepped granite plinth with classical Greek detailing including a carved frieze inscribed "In memory of the men of Cupar town and parish who fell in 1914-1918" above which are inset bronze plaques commemorating those who lost their lives. Surmounting the memorial there is a large bronze winged Victory which looks towards the town.

The memorial was in Poor condition when the Royal Burgh of Cupar Community Council and Fife Council applied to the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund (CMRF) in 2014. While work to the hard landscaping along with substantial structural works to the plateau of the memorial had been undertaken by Fife Council in 2008, the memorial itself was in need of conservation. The memorial faced a number of issues. Exposure to weather and pollution had resulted in a build-up of dirt and biological growth on the stone as well as corrosion of the bronze elements. Joints which have been pointed with cement mortar were cracked or missing which meant that water was getting into the memorial. In addition, past unsightly repair work to the stone boundary wall was starting to fail.

In 2014 a grant of £17,900 was offered towards proposed conservation and repair work. The stonework was appropriately cleaned using natural bristle brushes and water. There were a number of areas where water run off from the corroded bronze elements had stained the granite, to draw this out and lessen the visual impact a poultice was used. Stone repairs were also undertaken as there were two missing elements, a piece of the decorative stone carving and part of the C in Cupar. The failing cement pointing on the memorial was removed before the memorial was re-pointed with an appropriate lime mortar. In addition, the bronze was cleaned and treated. Areas of active corrosion on the winged Victory were addressed before all the bronze elements were protected from the environment using a pigmented wax. Finally, the memorial was marked with SmartWater, the crime prevention fluid, which had been obtained from the In Memoriam 2014 project, [www.inmemoriam2014.org](http://www.inmemoriam2014.org) free of charge.



Before work © WMT, 2014



After work © Royal Burgh of Cupar Community Council, 2015



After specialist conservation work © Royal Burgh of Cupar Community Council, 2015

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Cupar war memorial was funded by public subscription and was unveiled on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1922 by Field Marshall Douglas Haig and James Stark, Provost, to commemorate the 189 local men and women who lost their lives in World War I. The memorial is the work of John Kinross along with Henry Snell Gamley who sculpted the Victory statue. In 1950 the World War II piers were unveiled by Earl of Elgin.

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## Conservation news

### War Memorials Officers

A War Memorials Officer is the single, or main point of contact at the council who deals with war memorial issues. They are rarely called 'War Memorials Officer' within the local authority structure as war memorials are just one part of their job but War Memorials Trust uses the phrase to identify the person who deals with war memorials.

Some of the activities undertaken by a War Memorials Officer could include:

- Acting as a first point of contact for any public enquiries to the council
- Liaising with War Memorials Trust over war memorial issues in their area or referring enquires to the charity
- Promoting a greater understanding of how to conserve war memorials by recognising appropriate actions to ensure long-term preservation of the memorials
- Keeping a record of war memorials for which the council is responsible
- Working with local volunteers particularly WMT Regional Volunteers (RVs), interested in war memorials to develop other projects e.g. identifying all memorials in the area including who is responsible, ensuring all appropriate war memorials are listed or added to Historic Environment Records so they receive protection and to help monitor war memorials regularly
- Applying for grants for eligible works

In November 2010, WMT approached all local authorities across the UK to ask if they had a War Memorials Officer. A register of these Officers is kept, as up-to-date as possible, on our website at [www.warmemorials.org/wmo](http://www.warmemorials.org/wmo) so anyone can check who is the first point of contact at their local authority for war memorial issues. The charity sends War Memorials Officers the Bulletin, a bi-annual newsletter and information relevant to them on an ad hoc basis.

In November 2015, Conservation Officer Peter Lloyd made contact with some of the known War Memorials Officers in the North East of England as he visited the region. He met War Memorials Officers from Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Redcar and Cleveland Councils as well as visiting 16 memorials. During these meetings discussions touched upon potential projects which could benefit from grant funding; how to develop and maintain relationships between War Memorials Trust and local authorities; the varied roles undertaken by War Memorials Officers and best conservation practice.

Peter also saw how War Memorials Officers work with others. Some have developed strong relationships with our RVs working together constructively to champion war memorial heritage. A meeting at Gallon war memorial (WM1732) in Gateshead enabled WMT to see the issues around a case being looked at by both the War Memorials Officer and RVs. Others work with local community and friends groups who have members with specialist conservation expertise.

To find your local War Memorials Officer visit [www.warmemorials.org/wmo](http://www.warmemorials.org/wmo). If you work for a local authority and would like to become a War Memorials Officer please contact [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org) or 020 7233 7356 to discuss.



Gateshead Council and WMT RVs met to discuss Gallon memorial (WM1732) © WMT, 2015

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## Listing

### Lutyens war memorials

Last year War Memorials Trust was delighted to contribute to a Historic England initiative to review the designation of the 44 freestanding war memorials designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869 - 1944).

As Roger Bowdler, Director of Listing at Historic England, said when the outcome of the review was announced in November: "Lutyens was a key figure in determining how the dead and missing should be commemorated. His designs are admired for the universality of their message. His pure architectural forms are mute symbols of grief, the simple inscriptions weighted with sorrow. These are enduring memorials, which show the power of classical architecture to convey meaning and dignity."

Lutyens was initially known for his work on country houses in the Arts and Crafts style until he was appointed architect for the New Delhi Planning Commission in 1912. Five years later, he was invited by the Imperial War Graves Commission (now Commonwealth War Graves Commission) to design a number of cemeteries in Europe following the end of World War I. Lutyens's work includes Etaples Military Cemetery and Thiepval Cemetery.

Following the end of World War I, Lutyens designed a number of war memorials in the UK. These often made use of particular design elements, such as the 'War Stone' which he used as part of the Norwich City and North East Railway Company war memorials, as well as his 'War Cross' which feature in towns, villages and cities across the UK including King's Somborne, Rugby and York. He also worked on a number of other significant war memorials such as the Leicester Arch of Remembrance, and Spalding war memorial.

Lutyens's most famous war memorial is the Cenotaph in London, which was unveiled on the same day the Unknown Warrior was interred in Westminster Abbey, 11<sup>th</sup> November 1920. It was estimated that within five days of its unveiling, 1 million people had filed past the Cenotaph and 100,000 wreaths had been laid. Other notable Lutyens cenotaphs include the Royal West Kent Regiment, Rochdale and the Midland Railway war memorials.

Following the review for the first time all 44 of Lutyens freestanding war memorials now feature on the National Heritage List for England. Of these, 14 have been upgraded to either Grade II\* or Grade I, including Busbridge War Memorial (Grade II\*) the Royal Naval Division war memorial (Grade II\*) and Southampton Cenotaph (Grade I). Further information on the listing and upgrading of Lutyens' war memorials can be found at [www.historicengland.org.uk/news-and-features/news/lutyens-war-memorials](http://www.historicengland.org.uk/news-and-features/news/lutyens-war-memorials). The work of Lutyens expert Tim Skelton was recognised by Historic England - his book 'Lutyens and the Great War' provides further information on the memorials.

This review was part of the initiative to list 2,500 war memorials through the centenary of World War I. To get involved and ensure your local war memorial is listed you can either visit the Historic England website <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/showcasing/war-memorials-listing-project> or email War Memorials Trust at [listing@warmemorials.org](mailto:listing@warmemorials.org).



Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire (WM9718) © Paul Stamper, 2015



Royal Naval Division, London (WM55) © WMT, 2015



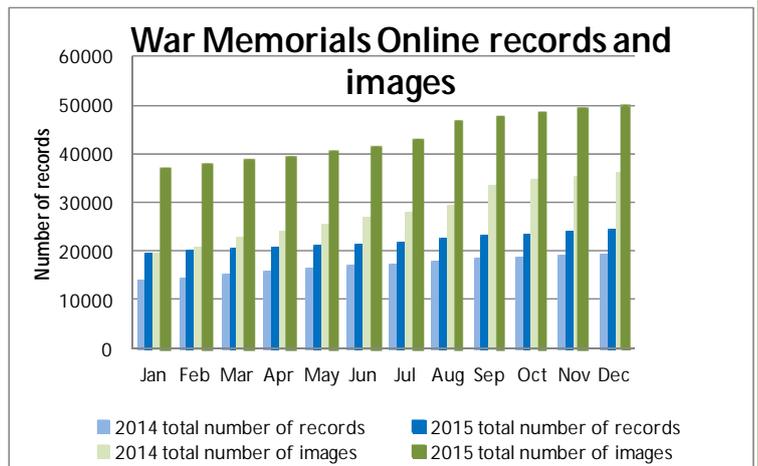
Southampton Cenotaph, Hampshire (WM2764) © Paul Goodwin, 2012

## War Memorials Online

### War Memorials Online update

Thank you to all our supporters who contribute to War Memorials Online. More than 24,500 records and over 50,000 images have been added to the site by nearly 3,000 users. The graph illustrates the total number of images (green) and the number of records with images (blue).

15,538 condition reports have been submitted of which; 10,958 are Good, 3,151 are Fair, 1,244 are Poor and 185 are Very bad. Overall the data indicates that around 8% of memorials are in Poor condition and 2% are in Very bad condition. These percentages have remained static so far. With an estimated 100,000 memorials in the country, we still have work to do, but we are very pleased with our progress to date.



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### Unsolved cases: We need your help!

War Memorials Trust has a number of unresolved cases we are currently working on. These are cases where our Regional Volunteers have been unable to assist and other channels of enquiry like Twitter and internet searches have not led to a conclusion. The information has not yet been added to War Memorials Online. We would be most grateful if any of our supporters could provide any information about either of the following cases:

**Ascham St Vincent** war memorial in Eastbourne, East Sussex was awarded a grant from the Trust in 2006 (WM1843). In 2012 a condition survey noted that there was some cracking and fracturing of the stone on the arch. This is illustrated in the photographs to the right. At this time this was felt to be minor in nature, but a follow up monitoring condition survey should be undertaken. If you live locally to the war memorial and are able to visit and take photographs please let us know. A photograph of the memorial as a whole, as well as close-ups of areas of concern would be gratefully received. You can add photographs and a condition update to [www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/106925](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/106925), send photographs to [info@warmemorialsonline.org.uk](mailto:info@warmemorialsonline.org.uk) or post see address below.



Above and below: Ascham St Vincent, East Sussex © David Ware, 2012



War Memorials Trust first became aware of **Redditch** war memorial outside St Stephen's Church in Worcestershire via local news reports about anti-social behaviour (WM5435). We do not currently hold any photographs of the memorial and are very keen to hear about the current condition of this memorial. The memorial takes the form of a cross on an octagonal shaft and stepped base and commemorates the fallen of World War I and II. If you are able to visit this memorial and take photographs illustrating the memorial as a whole as well as photographs showing its current condition, please add this information to [www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/92209](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/92209), send photographs to [info@warmemorialsonline.org.uk](mailto:info@warmemorialsonline.org.uk) or **post** to War Memorials Online, c/o War Memorials Trust, 2nd Floor, 42a Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0RE.

## Learning

### Recent school visits

After her visit to Northern Ireland in October, which we reported on in the last issue of the Bulletin, our Learning Officer visited schools in London, the West Midlands, Leicestershire and West Sussex making the second half of the 2015 autumn term just as busy as the first. As we write this, further visits have taken place in January. Many of our visits have been carried out as part of our work with Historic England's Heritage Schools project, one of the aims of which is to get young people in schools engaging with war memorials by recording their condition and researching them and the people commemorated.



Pupils in Leicestershire recording their local memorial © Anna Bridson, 2015

Visits often involve taking young people to visit their local memorial, either to record its condition to update War Memorials Online, as pupils from a school in Bognor Regis did, [www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/107295](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/107295) or to record the names on the memorial to help with research being done back in the classroom. Pupils at the schools we visited in Leicestershire used a variety of sources to do this research and were excited to learn about the lives of the people commemorated on the memorials near their schools (see photograph of their memorial visit, above). Finding out the stories behind the memorial helps children understand its significance and why we must work to protect memorials for the future.

We were particularly pleased in November to be contacted by Grangewood Independent School in London. Ruth first went to this school on Remembrance Day 2014 and was invited back this year, again on 11<sup>th</sup> November. After delivering an assembly to the whole school Ruth accompanied the pupils from Years 1 and 2 (5 - 7 years old) to East Ham memorial (shown in the photograph to the right) for a service that was led by local schools. The assembly at the start of the day had explained to pupils what Remembrance Day is about, so when they got to the service the pupils understood what was happening and why. It was a pleasure to work with the school again and we were impressed by the knowledge of Remembrance shown during the assembly and by the behaviour at the service of the school's youngest pupils. We are now looking forward to more visits to schools in the year ahead.



East Ham war memorial before Remembrance service (WM6514)  
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### Plans for 2016

At the end of the year we have been reviewing our learning activity and looking ahead to what the Learning Programme will be doing over the coming year. We anticipate that it will be another busy time as schools get involved in the Somme centenary commemorations. To assist with this, our Learning Officer will be developing new learning materials focusing on memorials with a connection to the Battle of the Somme and examining the personal impact of the battle on local communities. Further resources are being planned focusing on different groups who were affected by World War I and the role of sport in the war, and we have made some changes to our learning website [www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org](http://www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org) to accommodate these. We are also extremely grateful to the Tanner Trust who have generously given us funding to develop some new learning materials around World War II.

We hope to be able to repeat the training that was offered to our RVs in Scotland last September elsewhere in the UK in 2016. We are planning the details of this and RVs are being kept informed of future dates and locations. By increasing the number of volunteers who are able to deliver the Learning Programme we will be able to support schools in delivering useful learning experiences as the World War I commemorations continue. RVs interested in attending these sessions can get in touch on [rv@warmemorials.org](mailto:rv@warmemorials.org) or call 020 7834 0200.

## Regional Volunteers

### Thank you to all our Regional Volunteers!

Regional Volunteers (RV) are members of the charity who wish to take a more active role. RVs are registered by county across the UK and have become involved with the charity for a variety of reasons because of a shared belief in the importance of the protection and conservation of war memorials.

WMT would like to take this opportunity to thank all our RVs for the huge contribution they make to the charity and for their continuing support and enthusiasm.

If you are interested in becoming a RV, please contact Suzannah for further information at [rv@warmemorials.org](mailto:rv@warmemorials.org), on 020 7834 0200, or visit [www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers](http://www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers).

Below is a list of current RVs by the main ceremonial county they operate in (as of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016):

**England:** *Bedfordshire:* Joan Howe, Ann Kelly; *Berkshire:* Fred Cox, Colin Edwards, David Haylock, Julia Kelsall; *Bristol:* Sara Burnard, Phil Curme, Laura Fenn, Mike Waller; *Buckinghamshire:* Chris Leach, Andrew Macvine; *Cambridgeshire:* Charles Clark, Charmain Hawkins, Brian Krill, Caroline Lewis, Neil Taylor; *Cheshire:* John Western; *Cornwall:* Steve Coleman and Vivien Crozier, Tina Robinson; *County Durham:* Andy Denholm, Dave Flynn, James Pasby; *Cumbria:* George Carter; *Derbyshire:* Bill Jones, Kevin Miller; *Devon:* Alan Graveley, Michael Keene, John Vanderwolfe; *Dorset:* Michael Arnold, Steven Batty, Tim Craven, Chris Moreton, Katherine Seymour; *East Yorkshire:* Stephen Clarke; *Essex:* Paul Clarke, Bradley Donovan-Baird, Sue Laidler, John Partridge, Peter Taylor; *Gloucestershire:* Mike Bennett, Nikita Hooper, Harry and Susan Stewart; *Greater London:* James Benn, Anthony Bradbury, Douglas Craik, Mick Crick, Paul Courtney, Paul Dyer, Terry Giles, George Hay, Diane Holmes, Alan Merkel, Kell Webb; *Greater Manchester:* Victoria Brandon, David Brown, Steve Hoar, Harry Mills; *Hampshire:* Deirdre Cockcroft, Charlotte Crosby, Jack Edwards, Dennis Johns, Bob Jordan, Charles McKenzie, Peter Miller, Keith Rigden, Vicki Villers; *Herefordshire:* Martin Levick, Bea Morris, Malcolm Robertson; *Hertfordshire:* David Armstrong, Marion Downie, Andy Wakeford, Brian Wingate; *Isle of Wight:* Geoff Allan, David Gammage; *Kent:* Debbie Ault, James Brazier, Roy Chadwick, James Day, Martin Hydes, Daryl Lucas, Christopher Morley, Brian O'Gorman, Nicola Stokes, John Stone; *Lancashire:* Stuart Clewlow, Paul Conlon, Alan Cornthwaite, Michael Coyle, Les Hirst, Nick Paul; *Leicestershire:* Phil Bedding, Roy Birch, Trevor Hearn, Nigel Hooper, Denis Kenyon, Chris Stephens; *Lincolnshire:* Dave Jones; *Merseyside:* David Hearn, Ashley Webster; *Norfolk:* Roland Bugey, Paul Evans, June and Jim Marriage, Nick Tucker, John Whiteside; *North Yorkshire:* Morris Charlton, Mike Masterman; *Northamptonshire:* Tom Keyes; *Northumberland:* Janet Brown; *Nottinghamshire:* Rachel Farrand, David Moore; *Oxfordshire:* Bill and Valerie Butcher, Ian Meadows, Lauriann Owens, Alec Powell; *Rutland:* Harry Spry-Leverton; *Shropshire:* Bob Pringle; *Somerset:* Christopher and Emma Chanter, John Cope, Cyril Davies, Derek Francis, Ruth Manktelow; *South Yorkshire:* Anne Diver, Graham Doughty, Shaun Lyons; *Staffordshire:* David Allan, Ben Benefer, David Clarke, Ray Cope, Bernard Derrick, Neil Johnson, Rick and Jane Nuth, Philip Plimbley, Steve and Allison Smith; *Suffolk:* Bev Boyce, Adam Gurdon; *Surrey:* Philip Bennett, Tony Davie, Clive Gilbert, David Larkin, Olivia McLean; *Sussex (East):* Bill Highway, Sean Wallis, Graham Whelan; *Sussex (West):* Jenny Brown, Dave Donaldson, Lizzie Simmons, Ethan Tamlyn; *Tyne and Wear:* Jeremy Feggetter; *Warwickshire:* Richard Hill, Malcolm Thomas; *West Midlands:* Ravi Singh Chumber, Quint Watt; *West Yorkshire:* Peter Bennett, Anne Brook, Martin Hall, Stephen Helliwell, Richard Thackrah; *Wiltshire:* Dave Boulting, Angela van der Horst, John Nelson; *Worcestershire:* Ronald Bubb.

**Northern Ireland:** *County Antrim:* Archie Davidson, Alistair Robinson, Ray Spence.

**Scotland:** *Berwickshire:* Kenneth McLean, Will Murray; *Dumfries:* Paul Goodwin, Alan Williams; *Dunbartonshire:* Robert Dallas; *Edinburgh:* David Hughes; *Fife:* Reg Briers, David and Mary Richards; *Glasgow:* Ian Davidson; *Inverness:* Iain Slinn; *Renfrewshire:* John Proudfoot and Donna Boyd-Proudfoot; *Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale:* Alex McCue; *West Lothian:* Mark Smith.

**Wales:** *Clwyd:* Claire Lewis; *Dyfed:* Carys Aldous-Hughes; *Gwent:* Jon Williams; *Mid Glamorgan:* John Dyas, Geoffrey Evans, Derek Luker; *South Glamorgan:* Ceri Jones, Kate Marshall, Gary Sparkes; *West Glamorgan:* Dean Freeman.

## Get involved

### Forces War Records

Forces War Records is a military genealogy specialist website with over 8 million records available to search, more than a million of which are exclusive to the site and 150,000 to 250,000 more are added every month. Visitors to the website can learn about British and Commonwealth military history; their ancestors' regiment, their unit, base or ship they served on, battles fought, and medals earned. Anyone can run a preliminary search of the database for free but full membership gives access to all of this.

Data interpretation experts transcribe and de-code original documents to provide accurate details. These records cover all of the major British conflicts from the 1700s onwards including specialist collections such as 'MH106 – the World War I Hospital Admissions and Discharge registers' and 'WO417 - Daily Reports of Casualties' as well as Medal Rolls, battle data, Prisoner of War Records, Royal Marines and Fleet Air Arm data. Forces War Records are also developing a unique feature that allows users to map the positions of regiments and battalions during battle in World War I. By gaining information from all of these sources Forces War Records members can uncover a richer account of an ancestor's military history.

The Historic Documents Archive holds a wealth of rare original documents, periodicals, manuals, personal diaries, letters and newspapers. With online tutorials, an instant live chat service, and help from a team of military experts, Forces War Records aims to provide the answers to any research-based questions. Photo Experts can decipher original photographs to uncover details such as a soldier's rank, medal awards, qualifications and unit. Members can also pay to hire a professional researcher based at the National Archives.

As well as access to a wealth of information Forces War Records' members receive a monthly magazine which includes a variety of features, such as 'Ask the expert', instructional tutorials, accounts of military events and heroes' stories.

Is your family's military history waiting to be discovered? Is there a war hero in your family waiting to be remembered? Forces War Records is delighted to offer War Memorials Trust members a 40% discount on its full membership (normal price £8.95 per month – discount on first month only). To take advantage of this special offer please visit [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk) and quote code WMTFWR.



Forces War Records staff are trained to answer your questions on medals, uniforms or documents  
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### In Memoriam Giving

In Memoriam gifts are donations collected in lieu of flowers at a funeral or donations given in memory of the deceased. They are a special way to give to a charity that was close to the someone's heart. It may be their choice left in instructions for their funeral or be a family decision.

War Memorials Trust would like to thank the families and friends of those whose passing has been marked in this way. The charity can recognise your loved one by adding their name and an inscription to a page of remembrance on our website [www.warmemorials.org/those-remembered](http://www.warmemorials.org/those-remembered).

If families wish War Memorials Trust to be the beneficiary of In Memoriam gifts the charity would be extremely grateful. All contributions will make a significant difference to our work.

If you choose to support War Memorials Trust with an In Memoriam gift then all donations should be forwarded by the Funeral Directors or family to War Memorials Trust, 2nd Floor, 42a Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0RE. The name of the person in whose memory the gift is being made should be given alongside the contact details of the family so the charity can acknowledge their gift.

## Merchandise

### Pens and pencils

Discreetly branded with War Memorials Trust's name and website is a stylish ball point pen, green in colour with white lettering. Pack of 3 pens costs £4 (including p&p).



Plain white pencils with a rubber tip carry War Memorials Trust's name in green. Both are ideal for use at home and in the office. These pens and pencils help promote the charity and raise funds for our work. Pack of 5 pencils costs £2 (including p&p).



### Special offer: Lapel badges

War Memorials Trust lapel badges feature the logo and charity name. The 1 inch wide badges are enamel with a butterfly pin on the back. Badges are available at the special price of £2.50 (including p&p).



### Give the gift that lasts all year

Why not give the gift of War Memorials Trust membership to a friend or family member?

Members are kept up-to-date with our latest news via the quarterly Bulletin. They are also invited to our AGM. Members play a vital role in protecting and conserving our war memorials.

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 Annual: £20 individual or £30 joint or  
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## Merchandise

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### Special offer: Christmas cards

War Memorials Trust's Christmas cards are always popular and 2015 saw strong sales. We hope that this is a trend which will continue and we are already choosing our Christmas card designs for 2016. These will be featured in the August issue of the Bulletin.

As you may recall, we offered, for the first time, a choice of three designs including 'Guardsmen on Patrol', 'Winter Village' and 'Dove of Peace'.

We are delighted to offer a limited number of the 'Dove of Peace' cards at the special price of £2.50 per pack including p&p (previous price £4.75).



The 'Dove of Peace' above features a dove in a stained glass window design. This is particularly fitting given the number of stained glass war memorial windows.

The cards are sold in packs of 10 and measure 16cm/6.3inches high by 11.4cm/4.5inches wide. The greeting inside the card reads 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.

Each pack of Christmas cards purchased will make an important contribution to War Memorials Trust's work, which is more important than ever during the World War I centenary. Communities across the UK are seeing this period of national and international remembrance as a time for action and the demand for the services which War Memorials Trust is uniquely placed to provide is at an all time high.

Due to limited stock please order online at [www.warmemorials.org.uk/shop](http://www.warmemorials.org.uk/shop) or call us on 020 7834 0200 to ensure availability.